

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

If the airways are truly owned by the public, then they must be preserved for the public. That means that every diverse element in the community should be allowed a voice. Locally owned and operated media outlets best serve the public because they are directly involved in the community. Network or chain-owned outlets have no investment in a local community. If we are allowed no diversity in the media, then I, for one, will turn in my cable box, turn off my radio, and start subscribing to European newspapers etc., to get my information, where the media hasn't been pimped.